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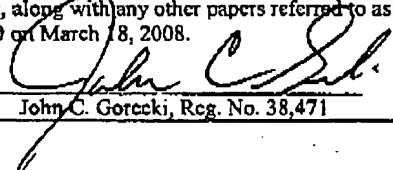
  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

On November 29, 2007, applicants representative filed an Amendment together with a power of attorney and a change of address form. The U.S. PTO entered the power of attorney but did not change the correspondence address.

On December 6, 2007, the U.S. PTO issued a notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating that claim 17 was improperly underlined. Because the US PTO did not change the correspondence address in this case, the notice of non-compliant amendment was addressed to the previous attorneys and thus was not received by applicants' representative. Accordingly, applicant's representative was not able to respond to that notice.

The Examiner called applicants' representative this afternoon and stated that the RCE had been entered but that the amendment that was filed with the RCE had not been entered. Accordingly, the Examiner requested that applicants re-submit the Amendment as a new amendment captioned as a "Supplemental Preliminary Amendment." Applicants have re-captioned the previous amendment and fixed the underlining problem of claim 17, but otherwise have kept the substance the same. Accordingly, please amend this application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 5 of this paper.